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To Whom It May Concern:

I wish to tell you how grateful I am for the Indiana Telephone privacy act.

Prior to this act, I received telephone solicitations everyday of the week. I cannot express the number of dinners, evenings, nights, early mornings, Saturdays and Sundays that were disrupted by the ringing of my phone. No amount of polite, "I am not interested, please remove me from you list" seemed to diminish the number or variety of telemarketers. There were more and more calls

At first, I decided not to pick up the phone. I screened ALL my calls through an answering machine. This was unfair to those who were calling long distance. My parents complained that they never could get me and were not good about leaving messages. I had to convince them to do so. When I moved, some people would not leave messages because they were afraid they had dialed incorrectly. Unfortunately some telemarketers would leave messages! It wasn't working.

I begrudgingly relented. I had caller ID added to my phone line. I had to purchase equipment to use that caller ID. The caller ID allowed me to screen the incoming calls and CHOOSE to whom I wished to speak. Still, it is quite expensive. There were days I would come home and find as many as 15-20 Id'd numbers on my phone with either a business name, the name of an unknown person or "unavailable" (which I soon equated – rightly to telemarketers).

This is MY PHONE LINE, the one I for which I PAY! It was ringing off the wall and making me "nuts"- even with the caller ID. I consider the telemarketing world's ability to call me at their leisure to be an gross invasion of my privacy! If I want a product, I know how to find it. I am familiar with the yellow pages, newspaper and am capable of surfing the net (those cookies- can you work on those?). I don't need someone calling me telling me what they think I need and when.

Now my phone rings only a couple times a day. I LOVE IT! It is always someone with whom I have a RELATIONSHIP, not some random salesman. Peace, truly- Peace has been restored. I can't thank you enough for that!

I would like to state that I think this is quite possibly one of the most important acts to be created and enacted in the technology age. This is very important. Please, leave it in tact!

Yours truly,  
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